

Dempsey Knocks Out Miske in Third Round--Tilden Defeats Johnston for Tennis Crown

Champion Floors Opponent Three Times; Challenger Drops in His Own Corner

15,000 in Benton Harbor Arena See King of Heavyweights Beat Rival Into Submission; Right to Jaw Ends Bout Between Old Foes

By W. O. McGeehan

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Sept. 6.—Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world, knocked out Billy Miske in the third round of a scheduled ten-round bout here today. The victor hurt his victim badly in the first round with a left to the jaw. In the second round he dropped him for five seconds with a right to the body, and he finished the St. Paul man with a right to the jaw after he had put Miske down for the count with the left. Miske went to sleep after one minute and thirty-one seconds of the third round. He was counted out in his own corner.

Miske came into the ring a beaten man, to do the best he could and to last as long as he could. The fifteen-minute wait that Dempsey subjected him to plainly unnerved the contender.

Miske was so nervous that he fairly leaped at the champion, but Dempsey quickly closed in on him and it was plain to see Dempsey's mastery. Jack used his left to the body and jaw almost as he pleased, and he seemed so certain in his movements that ring-siders began to move the round when Miske would take to the floor for the first time in his career and suffer a knockout.

Receipts Total \$150,000

There were 15,000 boxing fans in the big arena and the management announced before the first bout was staged that the gate receipts had reached \$150,000. Most of the spectators came from Chicago by train, boat and automobile, though there was a good representation from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. The state militia handled the crowd without confusion, both entering and leaving the arena.

There is no doubt but that Dempsey is as good, or even better, than he ever was. He is not quite so furious as in other fights, but he was perhaps more calculating in working Miske into a condition where he was easy prey for his mighty right.

The fans that were entertained that Dempsey was perhaps not as good as he was when he battered Jess Willard into submission were proved unfounded. He was not as good as he seemed, as a sharpshooter and handled the bulk of Miske with the greatest ease.

In fact, it was quite evident that if Dempsey had cared to he could have knocked out his opponent in the first round, or at least, earlier than he did.

Miske First in Ring

Miske entered the ring at 4:45 o'clock, a pallid creature, a beaten man. It is one of the traditions of the ring that the challenger enter the arena first, and Miske was later.

Dempsey entered the ring in a red sweater, full of the confidence of a champion, and grinned at his victim. To the bone, the challenger was ashen over at the champion and swung a few futile rights and lefts at Dempsey's jaw. Suddenly Jack shot a right to Miske's body and the crowd thought it was the end. But Dempsey, instead of finishing him, played with him for the round.

In the second Dempsey shot a right to the body and Miske, at the count of five, fell. He came up and Dempsey drove a right to his jaw, staggering him. The crowd saw that Dempsey had another chance to knock out Miske, but he did not. Instead, he allowed his victim to come back and so the second round ended.

The knockout came quickly in the third. It was a right to the jaw. Miske came after it was good as over. Miske dropped quite as heavily as Willard dropped in Toledo. Referee Jimmy Donaghy, of Philadelphia, made the full count over Miske.

Miske pulled himself up, then Dempsey shot over his right, and it was over. In the preliminary Bill Tate, sparring partner of Dempsey, beat the veteran of the ring in six rounds. In the second bout, Mike Greb beat "Chuck" Wiggins, of Indianapolis, in six rounds.

Dempsey Outweighed

2 Pounds by Miske

5 Hours Before Bout

RINGSIDE, BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Sept. 6.—Long before the first preliminary the crowd was packed into the arena. The champion and challenger were weighed in the ring. They used old-fashioned bed quilts for padding the floor.

Dempsey was the favorite, but so confident were Miske's St. Paul backers of his ability to stick the limit that they bet freely that the blow from the man that sent the giant Willard to the floor seven times in the first round could not stop the challenger, and that he would be on his feet and fighting when the last bell rang.

Dempsey and Miske had met twice before, fighting ten rounds at St. Paul on May 3, 1918, to no decision, and six rounds at Philadelphia on November 26 of the same year, with the same result.

Fans Arrive Early

Thousands of fight fans began pouring into the city of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph at dawn today, awaiting the tide of arrivals which flowed in through every gateway yesterday and Saturday. Every train and boat up to the hour of the fight brought its complement of fight fans.

Down the roads of a half dozen bluffs that half circle the two cities by the lake, automobiles coated by dozens, and long before the fight there was one of the largest crowds of small cars ever seen in the Middle West.

In mid-morning a fleet of giant seaplanes was looked for to soar over the horizon, drop swiftly into the lake, and taxi up the harbor to discharge a coterie of officers from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, seventy miles away.

The arriving fight fans found rooms at a premium and even refreshments hard to get. These summer resort towns are adept in handling excursionists, but nothing on the scale of today's throng. The largest crowd ever down on Benton Harbor. Hastily erected stands lined downtown curbsides, prepared to supplement the establishments' restaurants. A cursory survey of the signs indicated a belief that a fight fan trains on "hot dogs" and red lemonade.

A hard shower Sunday laid the dust and backed more firmly the sand on which the arena is built. The big saucer, with its 18,000 seats, is erected in a scooped out depression in the sand, little of its structure being above the level of the surrounding countryside.

ROUND TWO

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Still Supreme

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I told my friends I would win. I never had any doubt of it. Miske is tough, and I trained and fought him with as much caution as I would fight any heavyweight. He did not hit me hard enough to seriously hurt.

The punch that started him on his way was a smash to the stomach in the second round. I felt my fist sink into his ribs and knew he was hurt. After that I was confident I could end it whenever I wanted to, but I fought carefully and took no chances.

By Billy Miske

Dempsey is a better man than I am. That fellow hits too hard. The punch that floored me in the second round all but caved in my ribs. I never was hit so hard in my life. The blow took all of the steam out of me, and I had not recovered from its effects when the third round opened. I think I did not really get started at all.

ing Commission, Dempsey stepped on the scales at 187 pounds about five hours before the fight, and Miske at 189. After weighing in, the champion and his challenger both returned to their dressing rooms to change into their boxing clothes.

Religious Revival Is Rival

Two hours before the first preliminary the cheapest section of the arena was filled, while the high-priced ticket holders remained downtown, jamming the streets, clamoring for sandwiches from street vendors, and eating lunch in the city's many restaurants.

Benton Harbor, Mich., Sept. 6.—The House of David, sent a band wagon through the streets with ballyhoo men announcing a circus at their own grounds as a counter-attraction.

Benton Harbor's police, and a rate of \$15 a pint, effectively enforced the prohibition laws. But incoming spectators reported that night trains had been not only wide open for selling drinks, but that in some cars nearly every kind of variety of gambling game flourished.

Candidates for election in Chicago's city primary, for day after day, gathered inside the walls of this Michigan arena with advertisements of their qualifications. The signs were taken down when some one objected to mixing prize fights and politics.

The local police force was supplemented by a detachment of Michigan state constabulary. At the arena squads of uniformed soldiers on leave from Camp Custer, officiated as referee and kept order. High fences, surmounted by barbed wire, separated the sections of the sand pit saucer, and husky guards were on duty at the corners of the pit to prevent a repetition of the debacle at Toledo last year, when hundreds of spectators, with common accord, swarmed into the ring-side seats and pads to be ousted.

Bed Quilt Pads on Floor

As the main gates were thrown open for the fight, fans began drifting in from all quarters. They found old-fashioned bed quilts for padding the floor.

ROUND ONE

Miske hooked a left to the head. Dempsey landed a right and left to the head as they rushed to close quarters. Dempsey missed a left hook, but landed two rights to the head. The champion drove a right to the head and landed a light left to the month. Jack hooked two lefts to the jaw, and the pair exchanged punches to the body as they came together in a clinch. The bell sounded with both men fighting in the center of the ring.

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ROUND EIGHT

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